

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****In re Application of**

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**CENTRAL FAX CENTER****JUL 28 2006****Serial No.:** 09/987,194**Group Art Unit:** 3627**Filed:** November 13, 2001 **Examiner:** Gerald J. O'Connor**For:** SYSTEM FOR PURCHASE MANAGEMENT AND FOR FACILITATING  
DISTRIBUTIONHonorable Commissioner of Patents  
Box AF  
Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Claims 1-22 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1-2 are amended to more clearly define the invention. Claims 9-22 have been withdrawn. Of the remaining claims, claim 1 is independent.